

REMARKS

Claims 3-11 are pending in this application, all of which have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The Office Action states:

Neither applicants have pointed out nor the examiner can identify the full support for the newly added limitations in claim 3, "propylene homopolymers having no more than 0.6 wt percent xylene soluble fraction and a halogen content of no more than 10.1 ppm."

Applicants respectfully submit that support for the recitation can be found in the Table at page 19 of the specification. Referring now to Examples 1-3, which exemplifies the invention, it can be seen that the xylene soluble fraction does not exceed 0.6 weight percent for any of Examples 1-3, whereas for the Comparative Examples A, B and C, the xylene soluble fractions are all at least 0.7 weight percent. The xylene soluble fraction of Comparative Example A, for example, is 0.9 weight percent, and for Comparative Example C, 1.1 weight percent.

Referring now to the same table, the second row from the bottom sets forth the chlorine content of the polymers tested. The chlorine contents of the inventive polymers of Examples 1, 2 and 3 are all no higher than 10.1 ppm,

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whereas the chlorine content of the comparison polymers (Comparative Examples A, B and C) are all at least 11.7 ppm.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that sufficient support may be found in the specification for the amendment(s) previously made to the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as presented are patentable and in condition for allowance, the same being respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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